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1. PER REFTEL, FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF
FULL TEXT OF ANDERSSON'S SEPTEMBER 11 STATEMENT ON CHILE.

2. BEGIN TEXT. "TODAY ON THE THREE YEAR ANNIVERSARY
OF THE MILITARY COUP IN CHILE MANY PEOPLE ARE GATHERED
AT MEETINGS ALL OVER SWEDEN. WE MEET IN ORDER TO
AGAIN CONDEMN THE PERPETUAL CRIMES PERFORMED BY THE
CHILEAN JUNTA AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO DEMAND A
QUICK RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRACY IN THE COUNTRY.

SEPTEMBER 11, 1973 IS A DAY WE REMEMBER WITH
SORROW AND WRATH. IT WAS A BITTER EXPERIENCE TO
SEE AN ATTEMPT FOR A PEACEFUL REFORM OF A SOCIETY
BE OVERTHROWN BY MILITARY MEANS OF POWER. OUR
CONDENNATIONS OF THE PERPETRATORS WERE SEVERE AND
CATEGORIC.

BUT THIS WAS NOT ONLY A TEMPORARY MANIFESTATION
OF WRATH AND DESPAIR. OUR ENGAGEMENT FOR THE CHILEAN
CAUSE GOES DEEPER THAN THAT. WE HAVE CONTINUED TO
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WORK FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE PERSECUTED PEOPLE IN

THE COUNTRY. WE HAVE CONTINUED TO DEMAND THE REMOVAL OF THE PERPETRATORS OF THE COUP.

AT TIMES I HAVE BEEN ASKED WHY WE HERE IN SWEDEN HAVE ENGAGED OURSELVES SO MUCH FOR THE CHILEAN CAUSE. I BELIEVE THERE ARE SEVERAL EXPLANATIONS TO THIS. WE WELCOMED SALVADOR ALLENDE'S VICTORY IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WITH GREAT SATISFACTION. SUDDENLY, RAY OF LIGHT CAME FROM THE LATIN AMERICAN CONTINENT WHERE ONE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP OFTEN HAS TAKEN THE PLACE OF ANOTHER. HERE WE SAW A MAN AND A MOVEMENT, WHO WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE, TRIED TO BRING ABOUT A WIDE REFORM PROGRAM FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ECONOMIC EQUALIZATION. SALVADOR ALLENDE WAS A REPRESENTATIVE OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM. HE WANTED TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM THAT HAS AN OLD TRADITION IN CHILE.

HE SUPPORTED DEMOCRACY ABSOLUTELY AND DEFENDED IT AGAINST ALL EXTREMIST GROUPS. THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT WISHED TO ASSERT THE COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE AND THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE ENTIRE CONTINENT.

SALVADOR ALLENDE WAS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND AND THE SYMBOL OF ALL THIS. BUT OF COURSE IT WAS NOT ONLY HIS OWN WORK. HE HAD MANY COLLABORATORS, WHO FOUGHT JUST AS PURPOSEFULLY FOR THE SAME POLICIES. WE HAVE SEVERAL OF THEM AMONG US HERE TODAY.

I WISH TO ASSURE YOU WHO WORKED WITH ALLENDE THAT WE FELT AS THOUGH WE, TOO, WERE PARTICIPATING IN YOUR PEACEFUL REVOLUTION. THERE WERE BROAD CONTACTS BETWEEN CHILE AND SWEDEN DURING THAT PERIOD. WE COOPERATED ON THE PARTY LEVEL AND IN THE TRADE UNION FIELD. ONLY TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE COUP OUR GOVERNMENTS CONCLUDED A NEW AGREEMENT ON INCREASED DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION BETWEEN CHILE AND SWEDEN.

THE FACT THAT WE, AFTER THE COUP, JOINED THE PROTESTS AGAINST THE JUNTA SO STRONGLY WAS DUE NOT LEAST TO OUR DEFENSE OF BASIC RIGHTS IN ALL COUNTRIES. THE JUNTA IN CHILE IS STILL ONE OF THE WORLD'S WORST TORTURE REGIMES.

BUT OUR JOINING WAS ALSO TO A GREAT EXTENT DUE
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TO ANOTHER, TO US, BASIC QUESTION'S BEING AT STAKE. IT CONCERNED A SMALL COUNTRY'S RIGHT TO REFORM ITS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEM ITSELF, WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE WAS NOT ONLY A DEED BY THE CHILEAN MILITARY. THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION OBVIOUSLY ENERGETICALLY WORKED AGAINST ALLENDE - TO DESTABILIZE THE REGIME, AS THEY SAID. NOW LATER

WE HAVE EVIDENCE AS TO HOW THE CIA ACTIVELY
SUPPORTED RIGHT-WING FORCES THAT WISHED TO OUST
THE PRESIDENT AND STOP THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

ON THE SIDE OF THE RIGHT-WING FORCES WERE ALSO
ELEMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL. THEY FELT THAT
THEIR POSITIONS WERE THREATENED. THE
ALLENDE GOVERNMENT WANTED TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES UNDER
WHICH THE PEOPLE WOULD OBTAIN INFLUENCE OVER PRO-
DUCTION. THE UNLIMITED POWER OF CAPITAL WOULD BE
BROKEN DOWN. CAPITAL REPLIED BY HELPING TO
BRING ALLENDE DOWN.

THE RIGHT OF SMALL NATIONS TO INDEPENDENCE
CONSTITUTES A CORNERSTONE IN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC
FOREIGN POLICY. WE INEXORABLY STAND UP IN
DEFENSE OF OUR OWN ALLIANCE-FREE POLICY OF
NEUTRALITY. WE PROTESTED WHEN SOVIET TROOPS
MARCHED INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1968. WE PROTESTED
ALSO AGAINST THE AMERICAN WAR IN INDO-CHINA. WE
WERE THEREFORE CONSISTENT IN PROTESTING AGAINST
THE COUP IN CHILE, STRONGLY AND UNAMBIGUOUSLY.

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OUR PROTESTS HAVE NOT ONLY BEEN CONFINED TO
WORDS. WE HAVE IN ACTUAL DEEDS SOUGHT TO DISPLAY
SOLIDARITY WITH THE PERSECUTED PEOPLE IN CHILE.

ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT, OUR AMBASSADOR DID EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO RESCUE THOSE WHO HAD FLED FROM THE SWAY OF THE JUNTA. HE EVENTUALLY WAS EXPELLED FROM THE COUNTRY.

WE HAVE APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR DIRECT HUMANITARIAN AID TO LATIN AMERICA IN ORDER TO ASSIST POLITICAL REFUGEES FROM CHILE, AMONG OTHER COUNTRIES. MANY OF THESE REFUGEES HAVE OBTAINED A HAVEN IN SWEDEN. SINCE THE COUP, WE HAVE RECEIVED 3,000 REFUGEES FROM LATIN AMERICA, OF WHICH 2,000 ARE FROM CHILE.

THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO SOUGHT TO SPEAK FOR CHILE BEFORE VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, NOTABLY THE UNITED NATIONS WHERE WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY CONDEMNED THE PERSECUTION THAT CONTINUES TO PREVAIL IN CHILE. IN LINE WITH THIS POLICY, WE HAVE VOTED IN THE WORLD BANK AGAINST THE EXTENSION OF CREDITS TO THE PINOCHET REGIME.

TODAY, THREE YEARS AFTER THE COUP, A STATE OF EMERGENCY STILL PREVAILS IN CHILE. THOSE OPPOSING THE REGIME CONTINUE TO DISAPPEAR. THE REGIME'S UNCLASSIFIED

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TORTURE CHAMBERS ARE FREQUENTLY IN USE.

BUT IT IS NOT ONLY IN CHILE THAT THE DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION IS PERSECUTED. THAT OCCURS ALSO IN OTHER COUNTRIES ON THE LATIN AMERICAN CONTINENT. REPORTS EMANATING FROM ARGENTINA TELL US THAT CHILEANS AND URUGUAYANS WHO HAD EARLIER BEEN GRANTED ASYLUM IN THAT COUNTRY, ARE NOW BEING PERSECUTED THERE. THEREFORE, THERE IS EVERY REASON TO TRY TO PREVENT ARGENTINA FROM BECOMING ANOTHER CHILE. LAST SUMMER A NUMBER OF SOCIALIST LEADERS ISSUED A STATEMENT DEMANDING THAT MEASURES BE TAKEN TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL AND DEMOCRATIC SOLUTION TO THE PLIGHT OF THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE WHICH WOULD BRING AN END TO THE PERSECUTION IN THEIR COUNTRY. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORTS THAT DEMAND.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE CONDITIONS IN CHILE AND ON THE SITUATION OF REFUGEES IN OTHER COUNTRIES WILL BE FORTHCOMING. THE PERSECUTION PREVAILING IN CHILE HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY DOCUMENTED BY THOSE WHO HAVE ARRANGED THIS MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHILE COMMISSION. THIS DOCUMENTATION IS IMPORTANT. IT CONSTITUTES A POWERFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK IN PROGRESS OF BUILDING UP INTERNATIONAL OPINION. WE MUST AGREE NOT TO TIRE IN OUR EFFORTS TO CREATE SUCH PUBLIC OPINION. WE MUST PERSIST IN WORKING FOR

THE CAUSE OF CHILE. THAT MEANS WE MUST DO THE
FOLLOWING:

- PROVIDE MORE AID TO CHILEAN REFUGEES.
- INCREASE THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE TO THOSE PERSECUTED IN LATIN AMERICA.
- RECEIVE A GREATER NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN SWEDEN.
- CONTINUE TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE GROUPS OPPOSING THE
TYRANNY IN CHILE.
- CARRY ON WITH OUR EFFORTS IN THE UNITED NATIONS
AND OTHER FORUMS IN ORDER TO CREATE A
BROADER INTERNATIONAL OPINION FOR CHILE'S CAUSE.
- SEEK TO BRING ABOUT A POLITICAL AND MORAL ISOLATION
OF THE CHILEAN REGIME.
- SEE THAT THE JUNTA IN CHILE DOES NOT OBTAIN
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ANY FURTHER INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LOANS.
--- CONDEMN THOSE WHO DELIVER WEAPONS AND
EQUIPMENT TO THE BRUTAL SECRET POLICE IN CHILE.
THESE ARE MEASURES AND DEMANDS THAT HAVE THE
SUPPORT OF WIDESPREAD PUBLIC OPINION IN
SWEDEN. THAT IS ALSO THE CASE IN OTHER COUNTRIES.
IN SWEDEN, THE GOVERNMENT IS GIVING ITS FULL SUPPORT
TO THE DEMANDS OF PUBLIC OPINION. IN THIS COUNTRY
INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY CONSTITUTES PART OF OUR
GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL POLICY. WE COUNT ON BEING IN
A POSITION TO CONTINUE PURSUING THAT POLICY ALSO
AFTER SEPTEMBER 19.

IN THE LONG RUN I AM CONVINCED THAT THE
STRUGGLE AGAINST THE MILITARY JUNTA IN CHILE WILL
BE SUCCESSFUL. GROWING NUMBER OF CHILEANS IN
THEIR COUNTRY ARE HARD HIT BY THE JUNTA'S POLICY.
THE DICTATORSHIP THERE CARRIES THE SEED TO ITS
OWN DESTRUCTION. ONE DAY THE PEOPLE OF CHILE WILL
FINALLY EXPERIENCE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE ONCE
MORE. IT IS UP TO US TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD
ACCELERATING THE DEVELOPMENT IN THAT DIRECTION."
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